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New Advisory Opinion

On November 20, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on one new advisory opinion, summarized below. Click on the AO number to read the full text of the opinion.

2008-9, Exception to the Requirement to Register as a Communicator Lobbyist

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that an employee of a client lobbyist may be considered an "expert witness," and thus exempted from the requirement to register as a lobbyist.

New Conflict of Interest Form

Connecticut General Statutes [§ 1-86](#) requires state employees and officials to disclose conflicts of interest. The law contains requirements for substantial as well as potential conflicts. Both types are explained on a new form, available on the OSE's [Web site](#). The form is designed to provide guidance to officials and assist them with the noted disclosure requirements. Detailed information regarding where to file, as well as other mandatory actions, is provided on the form's [instruction page](#).

As always, when in doubt, call the OSE's Legal Division at 860-263-2400 for assistance.

Best regards,

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